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1. ON OCTOBER 23 LT. GENERAL YOGA SUGOMO, CHIEF OF BAKIN (STATE INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING AGENCY) ASKED AMBASSADOR TO COME FOR BRIEFING ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL CONCERNING PORTUGUESE TIMOR. RATIONALE APPEARED TO BE FACT PRESIDENT FORD HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT GOMES AND DESIRE THAT U.S. EMBASSY LISBON BE HELPFUL TO INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR WHEN HE ARRIVES - POSSIBLY ANOTHER TWO MONTHS.

2. YOGA BEGAN OUTLINING INDONESIA'S POSITION CONCERNING PORTUGUESE TIMOR AS FOLLOWS: A) GOI HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS; B) GOI WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN ITS ATTITUDE

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CONCERNING DECOLONIZATION, I.E., THAT THE WILL OF THE

PEOPLE CONCERNED MUST BE REFLECTED IN ANY DECISION TO JOIN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA; AND C) ANY TERRITORY WISHING TO JOIN INDONESIA MUST ACCEPT INDONESIAN CONSTITUTION, LAWS, AND OTHER CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL INDONESIAN PROVINCES. NO PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WILL BE ACCORDED TO ANY NEW PARTICIPANT IN REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION BY THE AMBASSADOR, YOGA SAID THAT GOI WOULD CONSIDER EXERCISING SOME FLEXIBILITY. HE CITED ACEH AND JOGJAKARTA AS AREAS WHICH ENJOY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

3. YOGA SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PORTUGUESE TIMOR WOULD BE A CAUSE FOR SERIOUS GOI CONCERN; INDEPENDENT TIMOR WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE WITHOUT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. SUCH AID WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. YOGA SAID GOI TOLD PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS THAT AN INDEPENDENT TIMOR WOULD SERIOUSLY THREATEN THE SECURITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY OF INDONESIA. THEREFORE, ANY DECISION BY GOP SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION INDONESIAN POLITICAL AND SECURITY INTERESTS.

4. GOP OFFICIALS TOLD INDONESIANS PORTUGAL HAS TWO CHOICES IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR: A) HAVE PORTUGUESE TIMOR REMAIN WITH PORTUGAL AND B) INTEGRATE PORTUGUESE TIMOR WITH A NEIGHBORING STATE, PREFERABLY INDONESIA. GOI OFFICIALS, YOGA SAID, REPLIED THAT ALTERNATIVE A) WAS OUTSIDE OF THEIR PURVIEW FOR COMMENT AND THAT ALTERNATIVE B) WAS ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR CONFIRMED A DESIRE FOR INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA. GOI OFFICIALS ALSO TOLD GOP THAT PORTUGAL HAS MORAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR FOR POSSIBLE INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA.

5. YOGA SAID INTEGRATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA WILL BE AN ECONOMIC BURDEN TO GOI. HOWEVER, INTEGRATION WOULD ENSURE POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE AREA. SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOI AS THE "LESSER OF TWO EVILS."

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6. YOGA CLAIMED MAOISTS ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING OPEN AND AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. FOUR PORTUGUESE TIMORESE COMMUNISTS TRAINED IN PORTUGAL HAVE RETURNED TO TIMOR. ALSO, GOI HAS IDENTIFIED ONE PRC AGENT IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO THE TIMING OF THE DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR, YOGA REPLIED

THERE ARE TWO PREVAILING VIEWS IN GOP: A) ONE GROUP ADVOCATES A RAPID DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND B) ANOTHER GROUP ADVOCATES A MORE GRADUAL POLICY. YOGA DID NOT EXPRESS GOI VIEWS WITH REGARD TO TIMING. GENERAL YOGA SAID GOI FEELS GOP DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IS A PORTUGUESE PREROGATIVE; HOWEVER, AT THIS JUNCTURE GOI WANTS TO ENSURE THAT GOP EDUCATES THE PORTUGUESE TIMORESE APPROPRIATELY.

8. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONING, YOGA SAID THAT THE GOI IS HOPEFUL THAT PRESIDENT GOSTA GOMES WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE AS HE HAS BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO THE INDONESIAN POSITION; HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES HAS NOT BEEN AS SYMPATHETIC. YOGA SAID THE GOI IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A RESOLUTION BEING SUBMITTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT INDONESIA'S INTERESTS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. HE FEARED PARTICULARLY AFRICAN RESOLUTION ORIGINATING IN COMMITTEE OF 24.

9. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO YOGA FOR HIS BRIEFING. HE EXPLAINED USG WELCOMES DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES BUT SUBSCRIBES TO VIEW THAT FUTURE OF TERRITORIES SHOULD REFLECT POPULAR WILL OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. USG HOPES THAT AN AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL REGARDING FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR CAN BE ACHIEVED AND THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT U.S. HAS OWN SET OF ISSUES WITH PORTUGAL AND NOT LIKELY BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY DIRECT WAY WITH DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. YOGA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE USG POSITION.

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10. FOLLOWING HIS BRIEFING, YOGA SAID GOI WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S CONVEYING TO THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN LISBON A GOI REQUEST TO PROVIDE ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE ASSIGNED THERE IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

11. ADVISER OF PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT LT. GENERAL ALI MURTOPO (LIM BIAN KIE) TOLD US SEPARATELY OCTOBER 23 THAT GOI "VERY PLEASED" WITH POSITION TAKEN BY MINISTER SANTOS DURING RECENT VISIT TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR (IMMEDIATELY AFTER OCTOBER 16-19 VISIT TO JAKARTA REFTEL). ACCORDING LIM, SANTOS TOOK LINE IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE THAT POPULATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR SHOULD THINK

OF FUTURE WHICH WOULD AVOID POSSIBLE DANGERS, FOR TIMOR
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